

I. Rejection of Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 11, 12, 14-17 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 11, 12, 14-17 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 20050011957 by Attia, *et al.* (Attia). Without addressing the Examiner's conclusions regarding Attia, the Applicants respectfully note that the date of the Applicants' invention predates the Attia filing date. Attia was filed as a provisional application on July 16, 2003. Attached hereto is an affidavit from one of the inventors showing that the present invention was conceived prior to February 26, 2003, which date predates the July 16, 2003 filing of the Attia provisional. After conception of the invention, information necessary for the subsequent filing of the above referenced Patent Application in the United States Patent and Trademark Office was prepared, which Patent Application was diligently prepared and filed on September 24, 2003. Therefore, Attia is not an anticipating reference. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the §102(e) rejection with respect to these Claims.

II. Rejection of Claims 3, 8-10, 13, and 18-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner has rejected Claims 3, 8, 13 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Attia in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 20020102966 by Lev, *et al.* (Lev). The Examiner has rejected Claims 10 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Attia in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 20050040230 by Swartz, *et al.* (Swartz), and in further view of Lev. The Examiner has rejected Claims 9 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Attia in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 20050017453 by Rehbein, *et al.* (Rehbein).

In view of the affidavit submitted herewith and for the reasons described above, Attia is not a valid reference with respect to the present invention. Thus, Attia, individually or in combination with any other reference, fails to teach or suggest the invention recited in Claims 3, 8-

10, 13, and 18-20, because the date of conception of the present invention predates Attia. In view of the foregoing remarks and the accompanying affidavit, the cited references do not support the Examiner's rejection of Claims 3, 8-10, 13, and 18-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). The Applicants therefore respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection.

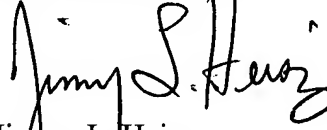
III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicants now see all of the claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-21.

The Applicants request the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, credits or overpayments to Deposit Account 08-2395.

Respectfully submitted

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